

APPEAL NO. 031823
FILED AUGUST 28, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on June 13, 2003. The hearing officer determined that the _____, compensable injury of respondent (claimant) includes the diagnosed L5-S1 disc herniation. Appellant (self-insured) appealed this determination on sufficiency grounds. The file does not contain a response from claimant.

DECISION

We affirm.

We have reviewed the complained-of determination and conclude that the issue involved a fact question for the hearing officer. The hearing officer reviewed the record and decided what facts were established. The hearing officer determined that the L5-S1 disc continued to degenerate and caused a large left paracentral disc herniation, as revealed in the MRI performed on April 1, 2002. We conclude that the hearing officer's determination is supported by the record and is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

We affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

According to information provided by carrier, the true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **(a self-insured governmental entity)** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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(ADDRESS)
(CITY), TEXAS (ZIP CODE).

Judy L. S. Barnes
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge